

deeply graduated income taxes and death duties. The Holborn and Strand Liberal Associations, in particular, were notably fertile in resolutions of a most advanced kind. Hampstead and Highgate displayed a point of view that hardly seemed natural. Not only were the resolutions sent up Fabians, or Fabian sympathisers, got themselves appointed as delegates of their branches to regional and Party Conferences, where they pressed their points home with trained expertise. They wrote reports of the meetings at which they themselves spoke or if reports could not be got into the Press, local or national, were assiduous in their use of the correspondence columns. For many years. *The Star*, founded in the mid-eighties, was to all intents and purposes collated its assistant editor, H. W. Massingham, being himself a Fabian for a time. When *The Star* was found out, by its proprietors, *The Daily Chronicle*, to which Massingham transferred, was exploited. Sidney Webb wrote regularly in *The Star*, as, later, in *The Chronicle*, and displayed marvellous fertility of resource in getting his points in, whether in articles nominally of a strictly descriptive kind in reviews in reports of Conferences; or in innocent looking notes and paragraphs. In season and out of season, Radical discontent was fomented, and Liberal Associations were honeycombed with ideas far more revolutionary than those who were led to entertain them realised. It was largely by this tactical

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elections for
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returned a definitely
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Progressive
majority "full of ideas that would never have
come into
their heads had not the Fabians put them
there"
Shaw
goes on—